

produced by the timer is stored into a memory, and the memory holds the stored time information when no power is supplied to the timer. When power from the cell is restored to the timer, the timer is set according to the time information stored in the memory, so that the timer may thereafter produce correct time information thereby allowing term management of the term-managed contents data to be performed accurately.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-19 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus with a battery for reproducing term-managed main data, comprising:

main data storage means for storing said term-managed main data;  
term data storage means for storing term management data for managing  
said term-managed main data;

time counting means operating with said battery for counting time and  
producing time information;

holding means for holding said time information counted by said time  
counting means when power is not supplied to said time counting means from  
said battery; and /

control means for controlling said holding means to hold said time  
information counted by said time counting means at a predetermined time.

--2. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein, when a supply of power from said battery of said reproduction  
apparatus is resumed after said supply of power from said battery is  
interrupted, said control means controls said time counting means to resume  
said counting time based on said time information held by said holding means.

--3. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said control means permits reproduction of said term-managed main data

based on said term management data stored in said term data storage means.

--4. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control means permits reproduction of said main data based on said term management data stored in said term data storage means and said time information counted by said time counting means.

--5. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information at a predetermined timing.

--6. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said time information is held by said holding means after each predetermined interval of time.

--7. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information when said reproduction apparatus enters a low power consumption mode.

--8. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

operation means for being operated by a user, and  
wherein said reproduction apparatus enters said low power consumption mode in which said power supply to a predetermined circuit block is stopped when said operation means is not operated by said user for a predetermined period of time.

--9. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said time counting means continues said counting time using said power from said battery even when said reproduction apparatus is in said low power consumption mode, and said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information counted successively by said time counting means after each predetermined period of time while said reproduction apparatus is in said

low power consumption mode.

--10. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

connection means for allowing communication with another apparatus, and wherein said control means adjusts, when said reproduction apparatus is connected to said another apparatus by said connection means, said counting time of said time counting means based on time information sent from said another apparatus to said reproduction apparatus.

--11. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said adjustment of said counting time of said time counting means is performed when said time information of said another apparatus connected to said reproduction apparatus leads said time information counted by said time counting means.

--12. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus that operates with a battery for reproducing main data that is term-managed based on term management information, comprising:

time counting means operable only while power is supplied thereto from said battery for counting time to be used for the term management;

holding means for holding the time counted by said time counting means while power from the battery is not supplied to said time counting means; and

control means for controlling reproduction of said main data based on said term management information and said time counted by said time counting means.

--13. (Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

data accessing means for reading out said main data and said term management information from a recording medium on which said main data and said term management information are recorded.

--14. (Amended) A reproduction method for a reproduction apparatus that reproduces term-managed main data using a battery as a power supply, comprising the steps of:

reading, from a timer that operates with said power supply from said battery to count time and stops time counting when said power is not supplied from said battery, time information to be used for term management of said term-managed main data and writing said time information into a nonvolatile memory that holds data even when said power is not supplied thereto from said battery; and

setting said time information written in said nonvolatile memory to said timer when said power is supplied again after said power supply from said battery is interrupted.

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--15. (Amended) The reproduction method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

discriminating, when an instruction to reproduce said term-managed main data is received, whether to permit reproduction of said term-managed main data based on term-management data and said time counted by said timer.

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--16. (Amended) The reproduction method according to claim 14, wherein said writing of said time information into said nonvolatile memory is performed when said reproduction apparatus enters a low power consumption mode.

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--17. (Amended) The reproduction method according to claim 14, wherein said writing of said time information into said nonvolatile memory is performed after each predetermined interval of time.

Con X  
Canc X  
--18. (Amended) The reproduction method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a time information sent from another apparatus connected to said reproduction apparatus; and

re-setting said timer based on said received time information sent from said another apparatus.

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--19. (Amended) The reproduction method according to claim 18, wherein said step of re-setting said timer is performed when said received time information sent from said another apparatus leads said time produced by said timer.

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